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Left to Right: Miss Frances W. Eastman, Miss Leila Anderson, and Rev. Walter E. Dobler.



Leadership Training Conference Scheduled For March 9-13

Rev. Leila W. Anderson, Dr. Frances W. Eastman, and Rev. Walter E. Dobler are the three national figures who will be giving leadership to the Training Conference for Sunday School officers and teachers, church volunteer workers with adult and young people's groups, and ministers, to be held March 9-13.

The conference, to which leaders from all of the churches of the Southeast Convention are invited, will be held at the Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center, Eatonton, Georgia. The Center is adequately equipped and staffed to take care of groups the year round.

The conference is being held for the benefit of Sunday School officers and teachers, members of Christian Education Committees in the local churches and at the association and conference level, workers with adult and youth groups in the churches, and ministers.

The Reverend Leila Anderson will teach the course for workers with children. Dr. Frances Eastman will be

in charge of the course for workers with young people. The Rev. Walter E. Dobler will teach the course for workers with young and older adults and will conduct a Bible Study course. Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. will lead the group in a study of Basic Christian Beliefs.

The Reverend Leila Anderson is well known throughout the Convention as "The Pilgrim Circuit Rider." This is the name of the especially equipped station wagon which is her home, her church, her store, and her study as she travels around the country. Miss Anderson began her circuit riding September 1, 1954. Since then she has visited in 31 states and traveled around 57,000 miles.

Dr. Frances W. Eastman is editor of our denomination's magazine for parents and teachers, "CHILDREN'S RELIGION". She also edits the parents' class study material for the Pilgrim Se-

ries church school curriculum.

Prior to coming to the Christian Education Division in 1950, Miss Eastman was the first territorial director of Christian education for the Congregational Christian Churches in Hawaii. A graduate of the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Andover Newton Theological Seminary, she also holds an M. A. degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. She was recently honored by the Chicago Seminary with the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Rev. Walter E. Dobler, who is a secretary of the Board of Home Missions in its Division of Christian Education, has responsibilities for Adult Work and the Family Life program. In addition to several years in the pastorate, Mr. Dobler has served on the faculty of Yankton College, Yankton, S. D.

Persons interested in attending the conference are urged to write to the Southeast Convention, 673 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .



New Members at Brookmeade

Report From Brookmeade

Brookmeade United Church received 11 new members into its fellowship on December 7th. Others who planned to unite with the church were unable to be present and will be received into membership later. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornwell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gelley, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross, Rev. and Mrs. Freeman Sleeper and Mrs. Warren Webb.

The Board of Christian Education sponsored a "Family Night" program in November.

On Sunday evening, November 30, a "Fellowship Meeting" was held at the parsonage. This was an informal get-acquainted meeting so old members of the church could become better acquainted with the several new families.

Dr. Gordon Kaufman, professor of Philosophical Theology at Vanderbilt Divinity School, led the monthly Bible Discussion Fellowship. The subject discussed was "God". Dr. Kaufman and his family attend Brookmeade Church.

Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, the minister of the church, was elected Vice-President of the Tennessee Council of Churches at its annual meeting on November 20th. He has been a member of the Executive Committee for three years. He is also Secretary of the Nashville Ministerial Association and a member of the Executive Committee of the Nashville Association of Churches.

Young People's Planning Session Held At Lanett

The PF Executive Committee, District Presidents, and a USF representative of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, and an E. and R. young person met the first weekend in

Lanett Church Reports

Many Recent Activities

The Lanett Congregational Christian Church was host to the Union Thanksgiving Service in the community. The speaker was Rev. Charles Schneider, pastor, the Community Chapel, and

Ladies of the church conducted the devotional service at the World Community Day observance on November 7th. A collection for Share Our Sur-

The East Alabama Laymen's Fellowship met at the church on Saturday, November 29. National Director William Peterson was the guest speaker for the banquet.

Southern Union College Day was observed on Sunday, November 2, as well as National Women's Fellowship Day.

The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship presented a playlet at the Sunday night service on November 23rd entitled "Five Grains of Corn." The five grains of corn served as reminders to the Pilgrims to be thankful for food, shelter, friends, freedom and the open Bible. P. F.'ers taking part were Jane and Dorothy Dailey, David and Michael Moncus, Chris and Bobby Hodnett, Steve and Pacita Harry, Phillip Moon, Doyle Fuller, Bubba Dollar and Mike Dollar. Mrs. Arthur Dailey, assisted by Mrs. Frank Moon and Mrs. Render Fuller, directed the group.

January at the Congregational Christian Church at Lanett.

The Executive Committee met to complete plans for the SEC-PF Conference to be held at Lanett Feb. 28 - March 1. Five district presidents met as a nominating committee and as a goals committee to report at the coming conference. The five present were: Melissa Kelly, Central Ga.; Peter Sanford, North Ga.; Melvin Roquemore, Valley District; Ann Turner, North Ala.; and Wayne Graves, South Ala. - W. Fla.

The Executive Committee present were: Acting President, Melvin Roquemore; Rec. Sec'y., Peggy Hammock; Cor. Sec'y., Nancy Newberry; Treasurer, Robert Saunders; Faith Chairman, John Henley; Action, Patsy Yancey; and Fellowship, Peter Sanford. Suzanne Warren represented USF, Ed Lind, E. and R. Youth, and V. R. Dobson, the entertaining church.

News From Pleasant Hill

At the beginning of the autumn season, since no permanent leadership had been found for the Pleasant Hill Community Church and Center, the Rev. C. Freeman Sleeper and the Rev. Paul Reynolds were invited to serve in an interim capacity. Mr. Sleeper is from Connecticut and is doing graduate work in the School of Theology at Vanderbilt. Mr. Sleeper, his wife, and two small sons, Paul and Mark, are living in Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have established their permanent home in Pleasant Hill.

On Sunday, October 5, World-Wide Communion Sunday was observed. Eight new members were received into the church. At the close of the regular morning worship service we moved to the site of our new sanctuary for the ceremony of laying the corner stone. Mr. T. L. Cunningham, the Church Clerk, had prepared the documents to be placed in the stone. Very fittingly, the stone was one selected from the foundation stones of old Pleasant Hill Academy Chapel, the first church in Pleasant Hill. Others participating in the service included the head stone mason, Mr. Charles Treadway, Mr. Earl Clark, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Freeman Sleeper and Dr. Paul R. Reynolds.

Our Pilgrim Fellowship youth program continues to be an active area. There is an average attendance of about 30 each Sunday evening.

On Halloween night the young people collected toys from the homes of the community. Work Day for Christ brought in a total of almost \$50.



Young People at Lanett

HERE AND THERE . . .

Mr. Emerson P. Poste, member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, and Treasurer of the Kentucky - Tennessee Conference, was recently honored by the Chattanooga Section of the American Chemical Society. Mr. Poste is the first recipient of their Distinguished Service Award. A letter concerning his distinguished churchmanship by Rev. Arnold Slater was among the tributes read at the granting of the honor.

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Rev. and Mrs. William Traylor and family will be leaving soon to make their home near Burlington, N. C., where Mr. Traylor will serve churches in the Southern Convention and continue his education at Elon College. Mr. Traylor has been serving Noon Day Church at Wedowee, Ala.

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Rev. A. P. Wilson, who has been serving as pastor of the Federated Church, Demorest, Ga., will retire at the end of January. He and Mrs. Wilson will continue to live in Demorest and teach at Piedmont College.

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Rev. W. G. Lindsey has been called to serve New Effort Church, Bonifay, Fla., in addition to Good Hope Church, Baker, Fla. Mr. Lindsey has resigned as pastor of Pyron Chapel.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wilder of the Langdale Church, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Susan Eloise. Mr. Wilder is serving Forest Home Church as minister.

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Rev. Melvin Dollar, Associate Superintendent of the Southern Convention, was a recent visitor to this section. He preached at the Langdale Church, which he formerly served as pastor, and at the Lanett Church at the New Year's Eve Service. Mrs. Dollar and their daughter visited in Georgia.

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Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the new building for Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, were scheduled for Sunday, January 4th.

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Mrs. Wilmer McCord of East Point, Ga., is the new office secretary for the Southeast Convention. Mrs. McCord is a native of Georgia. An attractive and gracious person, she is well qualified for the position.

Pilgrim Hymnal Dedicated In Christmas Service

A major denomination's first new hymnal in more than a quarter of a century was formally dedicated in services held in Portland, Me., on Sunday, December 21, by one of the men chiefly responsible for producing it.

Rev. James W. Lenhart, minister of the State Street Congregational Church and chairman of the committee of theologians and hymnologists who compiled the Pilgrim Hymnal of the Congregational Christian churches, made the dedication of the new hymnal a part of the Christmas service at the church.

A combined senior-junior choir of about 75 voices sang from the new hymnal. The climax of the service was the presentation by Dr. Lenhart of one of the first bound copies of the 596-page book to the church's minister of music, Russell C. Gray. The State Street Church was the first in the country to order new hymnals from the Pilgrim Press, Boston, Mass., its publishers.

Though the hymnal includes selections as old as hymnology itself and others so new they have never been sung by any congregation, only the familiar Christmas hymns were used in the service.

Many nations, traditions and cultures are represented among the 456 hymns that range in time from the Genevan Psalter to the present.

Nearly five years in the process of compilation by a distinguished committee of musicians and churchmen, the Pilgrim Hymnal is expected to rank among the foremost hymn books of Protestantism.

Blending great hymns of the Reformed and Free Church heritage with notable contemporary hymns, the new Pilgrim Hymnal includes hymns never published before.

Hundreds of ministers and lay people helped the fourteen-member hymnal committee prepare the new book by answering questionnaires, attending seminars and recording preferences of their congregations.

The new hymnal includes worship aids and special choir music.

Sample copies have been sent to ministers requesting them. Churches interested in the new PILGRIM HYMNAL may secure a sample copy for study by writing to The Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, February 13, 1959, many of our women will observe World Day of Prayer as part of the program of United Church Women. The theme, "Lord, I Believe," comes from the turmoil of the Middle East and was prepared by a group of Egyptian Christians. Groups which are not a part of United Church Women should be encouraged to observe World Day of Prayer by using the material available in the Basic Packet. Order from United Church Women, National Council of Churches, office of P. & D., 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, New York—cost 50c.

"HISTORY: This is the seventy-third observance of World Day of Prayer, which began in 1887. On the first Friday in Lent, thousands of Christians around the world will be united in a service of prayer and thanksgiving. Services begin on the Tonga Islands, west of International Date Line, where Queen Salote leads her subjects in prayer. Throughout the day observances are held in one hundred forty-four countries, ending with the setting sun on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska."

"PURPOSE: The purpose of the Day is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer, to pray for all the peoples of the world, and to make an offering for Christian missions at home and abroad." (From W. D. P. leaflet)

Overseas Workers Needed Now

The American Board and the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church expect to "appoint 128 new missionaries during the coming year."

WHERE WILL THEY BE FOUND? If all our churches accept the challenge to interest young people in missionary service, these workers could and would be found this year.

WHAT WORKERS ARE NEEDED? 18 ordained ministers are needed, persons who could fit into many different situations. 45 teachers are needed, ranging all the way from young people fresh out of college who will go to the Near East for a period of three years, to a zoology professor with a Ph. D.

For further information write to the Personnel Department, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

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Superintendent's Corner . . .

In past years, driving along the roads of the beautiful New England state of Connecticut one was likely to see highway signs with the following words written on them:

DANGER THICKLY SETTLED

These signs gave one of my seminary friends the basis of a sermon. Of course, the sign meant that the driver was in a residential area, but my friend chose an alternative interpretation. That is, the people were settled into the same old ruts and ways — nothing could disturb them.

How many churches are there that should have the sign, "Danger, Thickly Settled", in front of them? Probably the description fits more churches than we care to admit. There are churches that haven't had a new idea, haven't tried a new method, haven't made a venture of faith in years.

But here it is the New Year. It is the time for doing something new and daring for God's Kingdom. Let this be a great new year for God in the life of your church.

Superintendent's Schedule

January 13 - 14—Annual Board Meeting, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.
January 18 — Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.
January 19 — Church Survey and Aid Committee
January 20 — Southeast Convention Board Meeting
January 25 — Oak Grove, Pine Moun-

Travel With A Purpose To Near East Mission

The American Board Mission in the Near East hopes that 11 church leaders can tour our Stations in 1959 when the Near East is the interdenominational study theme.

The trip is open to those who present a statement of good health and also indicate that they are ready to give time to study before and during the trip. It is hoped that tour members will assume speaking responsibilities when they return. We urge church congregations to consider sponsoring such a trip through New Testament lands for their ministers.

The approximate cost of the tour is estimated at \$1325, including transportation and accommodations for 4½ weeks. Dates of the tour are still tentative, but the suggested dates are April 7-May 11. (The tour will end in Beirut, but some may wish to continue on to Jerusalem and return to the states from there.)

Persons interested in the trip should write immediately to Miss Margaret Blemker, American Board, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

Dates To Remember

January 18 — South Georgia P. F. Rally, Ambrose
January 20 — Southeast Convention Board Meeting, Atlanta
January 25-31 — Youth Week
January 30-February 6 — Midwinter Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
February 11 — Ash Wednesday
February 13 — World Day of Prayer.
February 14 — North Georgia P. F. Rally, Center Church, Atlanta, Ga.
February 24-26 — Southeast Regional Meeting, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.
February 28-March 1 — Southeast Convention P. F., Lanett, Ala.
March 9-13 — Leadership Training Conference, Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center, Eatonton, Ga.
March 21 — North Georgia Association Meeting
April 18-19 — Southeast Convention, East Tallassee, Ala.

tain, Ga., Installation Service
January 30 - February 7 —Mid-Winter Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
February 10 - 11 — Planning Conference, Southern Ministers Retreat, Franklinton Center

United Church Women Meetings Scheduled

As we of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical Reformed churches have demonstrated in our own church union that we believe in and stand for cooperating as much as possible with churches of other denominations, let us consider the following Annual State Meetings of the United Church Women. May we suggest that you write to the president of your state and ask her to put you on her mailing list to send you a program of the meeting.

Jan. 22, 23 — Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. W. Sheffield Owen, Pres.
3785 Stratford Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 29, 30 — Columbia, South Carolina
Miss Winnie Butt, Pres.
29 Warren St.
Charleston 17, S. C.
March 4-6 — Memphis, Tennessee
Mrs. Marion L. Patton, Pres.
1753 Galloway Ave.
Memphis 12, Tenn.
March 11, 12 — Birmingham, Alabama
Mrs. H. N. Blackwell, Pres.
3637 Princeton Drive
Montgomery 6, Ala.
March 14, 15 — Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. J. D. Erskine
Hustonville Rd.,
Danville, Ky.

Woman's Gift . . . (fr. p. 5)

LEADER: With ribbons of service to the work across the nation,

RESPONSE: We dedicate our Woman's Gift.

LEADER: With ribbons of Christian hope to women around the world,

RESPONSE: We dedicate our Woman's Gift.

LEADER: With ribbons of promise to carry out God's will within ourselves and our own commitment to a life of service with our lives, our time, and our treasure,

RESPONSE: We dedicate our Woman's Gift.

PRAYER (in unison): Dear Father, may we here and now dedicate our gifts and ourselves, our all to Thee, that we may please Thee in the use of all we have. May our ribbons of love continue to go out to all who are in need. Through these gifts may more of thy children be turned to thee. We thank thee for all. Amen

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be." (to be sung as a personal prayer and dedication)

Woman's Gift Dedication Service

Worship Center: Bible, map of the world, large box with sides loose, to open as each ribbon is attached. Different color ribbons to be attached during the service to places on the map representing the fields of work.

(Six women will be needed to take part in the service.)

Call to worship: Matt. 5: 14-16.

Hymn: "Send the Light."

Offering: Two ushers bring the offering plates, with filled gift boxes to the large box, as the congregation sings the above hymn.

LEADER: We have come today to dedicate our Woman's Gift. As we have given of ourselves, our treasure, and our love, may we have a vision of the work that our sacrificial gift will carry on during the coming year.

We have before us a large box containing small boxes given us each year. It will represent the gifts gathered from all our women and the Fellowships across the country. It is a symbol of life, health, education, and of our love. Our money can support our schools, our missionaries, our Social Actions leaders and help in special projects in our own Southeast Convention and our state.

In our service of dedication we shall build into our Gift Box the foundation of love, the sides of service, the cover of outgoing Christian Witness in the spirit of Jesus. As it is opened we shall join our ribbons of unity with others of our state, our nation, and our world.

FIRST WOMAN (Woman's Gift Chairman): As chairman of the Woman's Gift, I hold the ribbon of Service and Love from all the local women. It forms the foundation of our gift box, out of which spreads women's work in our Congregational Christian Churches everywhere. In this way we know the Projects that our "Over and Above" gifts support in every area of work in our Southeast Convention, our nation and around the world. As our women know, they care, and as they care they share.

And so I take this ribbon to join our gifts with those of women in every Conference, and show our Christian concern for all who are in need. (Fastens ribbon to Southeast Convention office, Atlanta, Ga.)

SECOND WOMAN: (Chairman of Stewardship) Representing the Congre-

gational Christian woman of the Southeast Convention, I am happy to show the ribbon of work of our share of the Woman's Gift. It supports our own Colleges, Convention, and some small churches, thus making the first side of our box.

In the past year our share increased, making it possible to help more, (tell of projects in the state) especially our own young people to become better leaders.

In helping our colleges and young people to form character for the future, we know that we have built a firm side on our Gift Box and can look forward to a vital, progressing church in the years to come.

I take my ribbon from the (name of your state) and show the work within our Convention.

(Fasten ribbon to your state on map)

THIRD WOMAN (National Work): As we need to help our own Conferences, so do we need to share in the work of our churches across the nation. Our giving makes Christian Education possible in the Montana -N. Dakota area, Adult Education, Scholarships for Foreign Students, and Aid to New and Renewed Churches. How thrilling it is to think our Gift Box dollars are helping to build spiritual morale across the nation.

And so our ribbon of national service takes our gift to the East and to the West, across America. And our second side of the open box is being built with a wider area of service, enlarging our vision, and warming our hearts. (Fastens ribbon to N. Dakota area)

FOURTH WOMAN (Our Christian World Mission): As Jesus taught his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel, so our women, through the years, have tried to carry out this commandment by sending missionaries to other parts of the world, undergirding their needs with prayers and money.

This year our Woman's Gift will go to many places throughout our world. To the Christians in South Africa, who have made great sacrifices and labored diligently to build suitable church buildings. It will be used in Angola, the American Board's hospital at Galangue, and at other hospitals in Naples, Italy, and in helping in the Board's

participation in Asia Council on Ecumenical Mission.

The world becomes a smaller place and our vision wider as we share our abundance of food, clothing, education and Christian ministry with others in need.

So this wide ribbon of Christian Fellowship becomes many out of one, as our work spreads around the world. (Fastens a wider ribbon to Italy, Asia, Mexico, Near East)

FIFTH WOMAN (Personal Commitment), White Ribbon): To be complete and to stand square for all these needs and symbols, the fourth side of our Gift Box is built with our own personal witness and individual commitment of our time, our talents, and our treasures.

We promise anew to live our belief in Jesus Christ, and follow him always in our everyday life — at home, at work, at play, and doing so, become real evangelists of our religious faith and Christian heritage. So may we let our light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. And we want to be true stewards for Thee. (Holds the open Bible and places ribbon on it) And as I take my ribbon of dedication, a strange ribbon, it is my steadying ribbon, for God's hand holds the other end. (Lays the end of ribbon on the open Bible)

SIXTH WOMAN (Christian Love): In our gift box we have enclosed our gifts, but have opened wide the cover that our Woman's Gift in symbol with ribbons of love, may go out to our state, our nation, and around the world.

Let us think of our Gift Box as an outpouring of our love in Christ, and the deep sharing concern for all who are in need. Jesus said: "I am the Light of the world." Have you ever thought what he said? Now let His Light become the ribbon by which the gift of health, knowledge, and personal dedication to him may be the fulfillment of His words: "In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brothers, you have done it unto Me." (Matt. 25:40)

DEDICATION LITANY

LEADER: With ribbons of love to the work within our Convention.

RESPONSE: We dedicate our Woman's Gift.

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Samuel D. Nelson Jr. Ordained To Ministry

Samuel D. Nelson Jr., pastor of the Fredonia Congregational Christian Church and moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference, was ordained to the Christian ministry at a service held at the Fredonia Church on Sunday, December 7th.

Participating in the service were the Rev. James T. McAdams, Center Church, Atlanta, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, United Church, LaGrange, Rev. W. Carl Parker, retired minister and former pastor of the church, and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr.

The newly ordained minister is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Nelson Sr. of the United Church, LaGrange, Ga. He is a graduate of Elon College in the class of 1954. He completed his seminary work at the Candler School of Theology, Emory U., in December.

Mr. Nelson served in the Fredonia Church while a student at Emory. The church has voted to be a full-time charge and has continued Mr. Nelson as its minister.

On December 16, 1955, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Diane Walls of South Norfolk, Va. The couple will now make their home in Barnesville, Ga.

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper To Retire April 1, 1959

The Rev. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, 67, internationally known Congregational Christian churchman and ecumenical leader, has announced his resignation as executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, effective April 1, 1959.

Dr. Leiper, who has been with the Missions Council since 1952, has accepted the position of director of the Department of Religion for the famous Chautauqua Institute at Lake Chautauqua in New York.

Dr. Leiper has worked more than a quarter of a century for world Christian unity. Before joining the Missions Council he was associated general secretary of the World Council of Churches. He is a well-known author, lecturer, and preacher.

Blackwoods Community Club Wins Prize For Achievements

The Blackwoods Community Club, near Headland, Alabama, received a check for \$300 as first prize for their outstanding community achievements in District II competition in Alabama.

The award was presented to the club at a banquet held by the Liberty National Life Insurance Company, Birmingham, Ala., one of the three sponsors of the annual contest.

The other two sponsors are the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Extension Service and the Alabama Chamber of Commerce.

This marked the fifth consecutive year the Blackwoods Community Club competed in the Rural Community Improvement Program. Having placed 4th in the competition once, 3rd for two years and 2nd last year, the club won the coveted first-place honors this year.

Approximately 125 community clubs compete each year with awards going to 24 clubs.

Blackwoods won the award for its work in boosting peanut and hog production, improving family diet, detecting contaminated wells, and lighting and improving the swimming pool and recreation area sponsored by the club.

Many of the members of the club are also members of the Blackwoods Congregational Christian Church, of which Rev. Ralph Worley is the minister.

Southeast Regional Meeting February 24-26 At Bricks

The Southeast Regional Meeting will be held on February 24-26 at Franklin Center, Bricks, N. C.

According to preliminary announcements Moderator and Mrs. Ray E. Phillips will be present for the sessions and will be featured on the program.

The sessions will begin at 2 p. m. in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 24, and will conclude following the noon meal on Thursday, February 26.

Persons interested in attending should contact the convention office immediately. Some financial help will be available to help cover the \$11.00 registration and the additional travel expenses.



Mrs. Ray E. Phillips Speaker For Women's Spring Rallies

Mrs. Ray E. Phillips wife of the Moderator of the Congregational Christian Churches, Dr. Ray E. Phillips, will be the guest speaker for the Spring Rallies of the Women's Fellowships this spring.

Dr. and Mrs. Phillips served for many years under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in South Africa.

Mrs. Phillips has served on the faculty of the famous Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work, which was founded by Dr. Phillips. In addition she has been chairman of a hospital board of managers, chairman of a committee of European women who ran a hostel for working African women, treasurer of a Home for delinquent girls. She has also been secretary-treasurer of the Zensele Y. W. C. A., which today includes 60 African groups scattered throughout the Union of South Africa, and national president of the 36,000 member African Girl Guides.

Mrs. Phillips is the former Dora Larson of Clarkefield, Minnesota. She is a graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. She is the mother of three children: John, an associate professor of astronomy at the University of California; James, a scientist working on a nuclear project at Los Alamos, N. M.; and Dr. Ruth Phillips Trotter, a specialist in pediatrics and wife of a doctor in Cambridge, Mass.